

## FEAR BLANCHARD MAY QUIT TEAM

Plunging Back Seems Peeved at Treatment Received—Doesn't Report for Practice.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Charlottesville, Va., October 16.—The first real cool weather in a week was welcomed in Virginia's football camp to-day. It served to ginger up the men in their practice, and the working out of new plays was carried on vigorously, despite the excellent opportunity for a scintillating game.

The men responded to the weather with the best they had, and only ran off the field when darkness overtook them. The showing of the backfield candidates was especially good. They showed more power than at any time this season, and the way they handled themselves brought joy to the hearts of the graduate coaching staff.

Mayer, the track man, was again played at full back. He is coming fast, and judging from the way he broke through the scrum line to-day he will be seen in some of the big games on the schedule. Maxson and Coleman were the half backs, with Randolph at quarter the greater part of the afternoon. The backfield has been very weak in the matter of interference, and the coaches are trying hard to remedy this fault. The tendency to fumble, which has been evident so far this season, seems to have been largely eliminated. The coaches made sure to-day that the usual formations could be run off without a hitch.

The list of cripples is still a source of worry. Acre, the gritty half back from Augusta Military Academy, threw his shoulder out of place again to-day while in the act of catching a punt. He was pretty roughly handled in the South Carolina game, but was out in uniform yesterday and to-day. Captain Todd, Carter and Gooch did not show up to-day. Others of the squad who have been excused from practice to-morrow include Woolfolk, Finlay and Harris.

Blanchard, the big lineman from College, has not appeared on the field for two days, and it is rumored that he has some idea of quitting the team for good. According to one of his friends, Blanchard has been piqued at the treatment he has received at the hands of some of the coaches and does not care whether he plays or not. He has been assigned to the scrub team most of the season. It is said he has been given little opportunity to show his worth.

In the opinion of many of his administrators, he is head and shoulders above any other candidate for the backfield. They argue that his experience and knowledge of the game and his ability as a line plunger are not equaled by any player on the squad. It is true, they say, that he has not let himself loose this early in the season because of the fear of again injuring his shoulder and for the additional reason that the games played thus far have been merely preliminary. "Blondy" is exceedingly popular with the student body, and it is quite certain that a continued effort will be made to keep him in harness. He is the one backfield man on the squad who possesses power on the offensive, and the skill with which he interferes is undisputed. To lose him from the squad just at this time, when line-plunging backs are needed, would prove a calamity. He is greatly needed for the Vanderbilt and Georgetown games.

AS DUSK GATHERS  
RED SOX FINISH  
WORLD'S CHAMPS

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In the air and cheered until they could cheer no more. Hundreds rushed upon the field and, gathering about the Red Sox bench, applauded the winning players. Mathewson buried himself in his coat and walked from the field. Scores of persons followed the pitcher and patted him on the back, congratulating him upon his fine work in the box. Manager McGraw bowed his way through the throng to the Red Sox stand, where he congratulated Manager Stahl and his players.

"I can't say that I am glad, Jack; but one of the teams had to win; it

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## THREE WHO SUFFER MOST



Rube Marquard, winner of two games; John McGraw, manager of Giants; and Christy Mathewson, grandest of all pitchers, who lost three games through errors of his teammates.

## MATHEWSON REAL STAR OF SERIES

Always Game, Fighting as a Real Fighter, He Loses Deciding Struggle.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Fred Merkle in 1908.

Fred Snodgrass in 1912.

Twice within a period of five years John J. McGraw has suffered because of unexpected and inexcusable lapses on the part of ball players, in whom the utmost confidence had been placed as to their ability to withstand the strain of a series.

Twice within a half-decade two normally constituted young men, drawing salaries greatly in excess of their earning capacity in any other profession, have proved beyond the possible peradventure of a doubt that baseball is played as much with the head as with the hands.

In 1908 McGraw and his Giants were deprived of participation in a world's series because Merkle tried to end the game in a manner contrary to the rules. In 1912 McGraw and another figure, even mightier than the mighty McGraw, were both deprived of winning not only the honor attaching to world's championships, but the balm of dollars which goes with that honor because of the lapse on the part of Fred Snodgrass.

Not in any league would there be one chance in 1,000 that a fly ball such as was muffed by the giant center-fielder when Engle gave him his opportunity, would drop to the ground, an error being charged against the fielder instead of an out. It decided a world's series and robbed the greatest hurler the game has ever known of his laurels, worth—worth justly earned and well deserved.

We are not repining. The copy mill is still grinding. Jimmy McAleer, as a name, weighs just as heavily with us as Johnny McGraw. It is for neither of these that we have consideration. But for Christopher Mathewson, the peer of all the pitchers, past or present, the man who drew the hair which held the sword above the Giants' heads into a veritable hempen chain of untold strength, we feel deeply, truly, sorry. He won and lost. He beat his opponents, yet was deprived of victory. He is the one, grand, glorious, scintillating light of the series, and yet he must take the losers' share.

Outpitching both Wood and Bedient; outgeneralling the entire Red Sox attack—and it is an attack worthy of the highest commendation—he lost as Napoleon lost, because his aides failed at the crucial moment. Broken, heart-sore, weary from three grinding, grueling battles through which he had passed; always the general, never the lieutenant, leading his followers through the thick of fray; guiding them desperately yet wisely through the pitfalls, never faltering, but always alert; the brains of the combination both offensively and defensively; his hand which filled the gap in the levee; how his stout heart must have wilted and cried, cried with the sob of a child, but the spirit of a Spartan as he saw his grandest efforts tossed daintily into the slough of defeat by his helpmates.

Boston won the series, and as McGraw said to Stahl, congratulations are in order. But it must be small comfort to the Boston players to know and realize that they won largely through default. Great ball club that Jake Stahl has and great general that he is, he must now feel that his jam is spoiled—spoiled by that grain of bitter which every true sportsman is only too willing to permit.

Christy Mathewson lost his game, will read the headlines, but deep in their hearts loyal Giant fans, real Boston fans and the people throughout this country will doff their hats in respect to the greatest figure of the greatest series in the greatest game the world has ever produced. Christy Mathewson is the real, unlovable, ever-present star of the 1912 series. He lost three games, but each loss but added to his lustre, and should the game lose him forever to-day his fame may well rest secure upon his wonderful, heroic, game battles against an unkind fate and a weakening defense.

## WHITE SOX AGAIN TROUNCE CUBS

Reulbach and Cheney Both Blow Up and Are Driven to Cover.

Chicago, October 16.—The Chicago National League Club went to pieces in the eighth inning of to-day's game, for the Chicago championship with the Chicago Americans. Both Reulbach and Cheney were batted out of the box, and the Sox clinched the game by scoring four runs. The series now stands three to two in favor of the Nationals.

Score by innings:  
N. H. E.  
Nationals.....190001000000  
Americans.....000000000000

Batteries—Reulbach, Cheney and Smith and Archer; White, Benz and Schalk.

## VICTORY IN DEFEAT FOR MIGHTY MATTY

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down, Murray hit to Speaker's right on a line, the center gardener trying to play it with both hands, and deflecting to the left field barrier for two bases. If he had played the ball with his gloved hand, it would probably have been an out. Bedient's work was very steady, and he deserves lots of credit.

But to Wood goes the credit of the game, as he relieved Bedient with six scored hits. "Smoky Joe" pitched in his usual form, having a world of speed, but was scored upon in the tenth, after

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	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	SB.	HR.	TB.	SH.	SB.	P.C.	O.	A.	E.	P.C.
Wilson, C.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	.750
McGraw, J.	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Herzog, 3b.	30	6	12	4	1	0	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.000
Murray, 1b.	28	2	10	0	1	0	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	.477
Teague, 2b.	8	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Murray, 1b.	31	5	10	4	1	0	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Merkle, 1b.	32	5	9	2	1	0	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	.955
Doyle, 2b.	33	5	9	2	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	.900
Devore, 1b.	24	4	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Snodgrass, cf.	33	2	7	2	0	0	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	.947
Bedient, 1b.	29	1	5	1	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	.905
Mathewson, p.	12	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Becker, cf.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Shaffer, ss.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Crandall, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Marquard, p.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Ames, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Totals	273	31	75	15	4	1	106	5	12	0	275	227	100	.564

	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	SB.	HR.	TB.	SH.	SB.	P.C.	O.	A.	E.	P.C.
Engle	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Hall, p.	4	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.933
Hooper, cf.	34	4	12	2	1	0	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Speaker, cf.	7	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Verkes, 2b.	29	4	9	1	2	0	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	.990
Stahl, 1b.	32	3	8	0	2	0	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	.974
Gardner, 3b.	28	4	8	2	1	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	.980
Lewis, 1b.	32	3	5	2	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	.933
Cady, c.	22	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	.974
Wagner, ss.	30	1	5	1	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Carriker, c.	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Henriksen	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Collins, p.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Bedient, p.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
O'Brien, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Totals	273	25	59	13	6	1	84	7	5	0	212	225	85	.564

Summary: First base on errors—New York, 4; Boston, 11. Left on bases—New York, 52; Boston, 55. First base on balls—New York, 11; off Wood, 3; off Hall, 9; off Bedient, 7; off Marquard, 2; off O'Brien, 3; off Ames, 1; off Hooper, 1; off Bedient, 7; by Marquard, 9; by O'Brien, 4. Double plays—Stahl and Wood; Speaker and Stahl; Fletcher and Herzog; Fletcher and Merkle; Devore and Verkes; Speaker (unassisted). Hit by pitcher—by Bedient (Snodgrass, Herzog); by Wood (Meyers); by Teague (Gardner). Hits—off Wood, 27 in 22 innings; off Teague, 18 in 23 innings; off Crandall, 1 in 2 innings; off Collins, 14 in 14 1-3 innings; off Hall, 11 in 10 2-3 innings; off Bedient, 11 in 10 1-3 innings; off Mathewson, 25 in 27 2-3 innings; off Marquard, 14 in 13 1-3 innings; off O'Brien, 12 in 9 1-3 innings; off Ames, 3 in 2 1-3 innings. Wild pitches—Teague, 3; Marquard, 1; passed ball—Cady, 3; O'Brien, 1.

Snodgrass had been retired, by virtue of Murray's stinging double into the crowd. Merkle immediately coming through with a single to center, scoring Red. Merkle reached second on Speaker's error.

Wood then struck out Herzog, and when Meyers smashed one hard toward Joe the sensational Boston pitcher leaped at the ball, knocking it down with his bare hand, retiring the Indian. Catcher at first Joe's great play probably saved the game, as it would surely have gone through for a single and scored Merkle.

The Red Sox players then came in and won the game, for which "Smoky Joe" received credit.

Henriksen the doughty little substitute outfielder of the Red Sox, belongs the credit of tying up the game and giving Boston the chance to tie it up and win out in the tenth. For with Stahl on second and Wagner on first, a hit and walk, respectively, having put them there, two lower and two strikes on Henriksen, he immediately responded with a slashing drive right over the third sack for two bases, scoring Stahl with the tying run. Hooper then slammed a line drive right into Snodgrass. Henriksen in this time at bat earned his share of the world's series coin.

Bedient was a little bit unsteady in the beginning of the game, getting in the hole with Devore and Doyle, but strikes on each Devore and Doyle, he then Wagner to Stahl. With three way of on Snodgrass, the center gardener was passed, showing Bedient's lack of control at the start.

Matty's control was not near so good as in his former games, as he walked as his first man in this world's series in the second inning to-day.

## DRAMATIC CLIMAX FULL OF ERRORS

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game, and is decided by an outfield muff, there can be little left to say. From the New York viewpoint, the only lasting regret was that a veteran like Mathewson, after having earned like kicked away of his won-upon the last nerve and arm, pitch his doleful brain, nerve and arm, pitch his heart and soul out to win, deserve a shot-out and then lose on such a miserable break.

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Players	\$6,300.00	\$1,519.36	\$4,000.00	\$1,307.70					\$13,127.06
New York Club	12,822.00	10,000.00	11,300.00	12,700.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,750.00	12,750.00	\$147,972.00
Boston Club	12,822.00	10,000.00	11,300.00	12,700.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,750.00	12,750.00	\$147,972.00
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